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THE NEW COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Beginning next Tuesday morning, January 2nd, the newly elected county officials will enter upon their official duties. For the most part old familiar faces will be seen in their accustomed places. Judge Laine will continue to preside over the Superior Court with Ben Fehrman as Clerk; Mrs. Jessie L. Johnson will begin her second term as County School Superintendent; L. N. Calli-cotte will again have the custody of the county records, and W. J. Collins will transfer from the office of Treasurer to that of Assessor.

In the office of the Board of Supervisors and in the office of Sheriff new incumbents will take their places. The new sheriff being W. T. Witt, former Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of this county and the two new supervisors being Minor O. Simms, of Clifton and W. W. McMillen, of Morenci.

Both the sheriff and the Board of Supervisors will have appointments to make on January 1.

In making these appointments the members of the Democratic party in Greenlee county have a right to expect that the appointees shall not only be efficient and trustworthy, but that they shall be Democrats as well.

The campaign in Greenlee county, which resulted in a splendid victory for the Democratic ticket from top to bottom, was achieved by constant effort and energy on the part of the Democratic workers throughout the county and the concerted action brought about under the direction of the Democratic County Central Committee.

The Democratic workers of the county and the Democratic County Central Committee, as well as the rank and file of the Democratic party, will be disappointed if any Democratic officer or any Democratic board goes outside of their own party in making their appointments.

It does not follow that among our Republican friends in this county, few in number, but very select, that efficient and trustworthy appointees could not be found, but the Republicans, as well as the Democrats, subscribe to the rule that "to the victors belong the spoils."

LET THE PEOPLE KNOW

Moscow is directing a widespread campaign in the United States for the overthrow of the American government, declares, Wm. J. Burns, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation before the House Appropriations Committee.

He declares documents obtained during the past year "clearly indicate" the Communist Internationale is behind a strong "movement among negroes, labor unions, and various social organizations and women's clubs." Its ultimate purpose being to undermine these organizations with the view of overthrowing the United States government and establishing dictatorship of the proletariat.

Reds have established "schools," where radicalism is taught without interference by the government. Such schools have been found in Seattle and near Boston and are springing up in other sections.

"We have no authority to stop it," Burns declared. Burns testified 358 new radical publications had sprung up in the United States the last year and there are now 611 in circulation throughout the country.

Mere suppression, arrests and deportations will not defeat this evil in the United States. We must beat the agitator at his own game. His radical propaganda must be counteracted just as steadily as he spreads it. Enlightenment of the masses and not force alone will hold this nation safe against the inroads of the Russian Reds.

Our people must be shown the fallacy of these arguments and the condition of Russia today is the strongest object lesson that can be advanced to show why sound thinking Americans should steer clear of any program that has landed the people of a nation in the plight that Russians find themselves in today.

TAX REDUCTION PARAMOUNT ISSUE

The recent elections in western states emphasized one point—the people want a reduction in the overhead cost of government.

Laying aside all arguments and prejudices for or against any candidate, the people have shown unmistakably that they wish reduction in present tax burdens. It is useless to tell the people that they are to blame for present state expenses. They may have voted for the tax raising measures but in nine cases out of ten the average citizen does so not realizing the aggregate burden he is heaping upon himself.

Any man who reads the country papers of the states west of the Rocky Mountains could draw but one conclusion, namely, the people were demanding a new deal in public affairs. Incumbents in office who failed to recognize this condition have been defeated by candidates who saw the situation.

Candidates who have gone into office on a tax reduction and efficiency program in public affairs must make good with their pre-election promise if they wish to escape condemnation of the people. Holdover public officials who are in office must also recognize the present state of public opinion and trim their sails accordingly.

Every line of private business has reduced expenses. Every department of state, city and county governments must do the same. This does not mean curtailing efficiency. It simply means giving more service for the same money and where possible, better service for less money.

The Portland Oregonian remarks that most men's ideas of a living wage is two dollars a day more than they get.

When a man asks your advice you should try to find out what he wants to do and then govern yourself accordingly.

THE ANGLO-JAPAN ALLIANCE

The alliance between Great Britain and Japan has just been renewed for another year, and the announcement was a shock to all who rejoiced last winter in the passing of that alliance as a by-product of the Washington arms conference.

Its end was regarded by many competent judges as the biggest accomplishment of the conference, because it removed an unnatural bond between Europe and Asia and brought together, in a free and friendly working agreement, the two great English speaking peoples.

There is no need, however, to accuse either Britain or Japan of treachery. The renewal of the alliance comes about automatically, for the simple reason that France, at the moment of its expiration, has not yet ratified the Washington four-power Pacific treaty. The four-power treaty itself provided for such a contingency. Japan, chief loser in the new arrangement, was not asked to give up her claim on British loyalty until all four powers had ratified.

It is reported now from Paris that the French government, after long hesitation, is disposed to ratify this treaty, along with the naval limitations pact. Under the circumstances, France would certainly gain nothing in American esteem by further delay.

CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRESSIVISM vs. DESTRUCTIVE RADICALISM

The destructive type of extreme radicals arrogate to themselves the right to appropriate the name "Progressive."

That group by that predatory act provokes the ire of the real constructively progressive element. Only sanity in legislation can command approval and support.

Real "Progressives" are as strongly opposed to radicalism on the one hand as they are to the dry-rot of reactionism on the other. Theirs is that sane common ground on which the great mass of Americans have always shown their inclination to stand under valiant leadership.

The term "progressive" has a definite significance and meaning expressive of that type of Americanism which reveres organic law. They insist that American law is fundamentally intended to serve the people and that respect for law depends on the sincerity and integrity of that service.

Progressivism means that the processes and methods of government, when and where they fail to serve men and women, must be changed and made to function for human welfare and happiness. That is where it parts company alike from blind and unintelligent reaction and the dragnet of untried experiments.

When radicals meet and appropriate the designation "Progressive," the group is attaching to itself a label to which it is not entitled and is bidding for popular support under false pretenses.

TAX EXEMPTION RUINOUS

Tax-exempt bonds are increasing in volume and are snapped up as rapidly as issued.

They draw from the reservoirs of liquid capital vast sums which would otherwise be available for industrial investments.

They cause an additional tax burden to be imposed to meet interest and sinking fund requirements.

They reduce taxable property of the country by increasing volume of non-taxable wealth.

They exempt from taxation a class of wealthy citizens who secure all the benefits of government without sharing directly in its expense or responsibilities.

Unless prompt measures are taken to prevent the continued issuance of such securities which have now reached the gigantic total of \$30,000,000,000, the nation will be confronted with a serious political and economic upheaval from this cause alone. A constitutional amendment is needed to remedy the situation.

No nation can exist successfully with one-half the wealth taxed and the other half not taxed.

No; they never did put any of the war grafters in jail.

Every prospectus of a company selling oil stocks is a gusher.

And now we've got to have the bonus fight all over again.

Women may think they rule the world, but the milliners of Paris are all men.

We are not certain whether Greece was a victim of bad judgment or bad advice.

There is something wrong somewhere when children rather go to school than stay at home.

Ever notice how cross some motorists get when a train crosses a crossing when they want to use it.

Mr. Ford says our currency should be reformed. He ought to know; he has cornered most of it.

A lot of trouble would have been avoided if we had made an end of Turkey when we had the chance.

"Skirts Are Coming Down", announces a headline, and the Columbia Record announces that the show is over.

The Episcopal church has dropped the word "obey" from its marriage ceremony. But does it really make any difference.

But, then, the Greeks had something coming to them. They made a mistake when they called Constantine back to the throne.

"Prohibition is being seriously discussed in Mexico," according to a news item. Would you regard that as a good sign or not?

Henry Ford has been indulging in some sharp talk lately. But if you had as much money as he has accumulated you would talk big, too.

That preacher who eloped with a young woman, leaving a wife and nine children, declaring that he was misunderstood, is mistaken. The country understands him perfectly, and knows where he belongs.

Editorial Pen Points

The next job is to learn to write it 1923.

Yes, they are still having peace conferences in Europe.

Most self-made men gave themselves too much tongue.

Matrimony also proves that two can live as foolishly as one.

Europe asks for our moral support, and for more loans along with it.

Lloyd George may have been licked, but he is still able to talk back.

In the old days martyrs were burned. Now they are made to dig coal.

People like to be bossed. Look at the way they submit to the traffic cops.

The small boy's objection to a bath is that it has to be repeated too often.

People who get ahead in the world are not backward about keeping up a front.

About the best the government can promise is that taxes will not be any higher.

These flappers might have known that bobbed hair wouldn't be stylish for long.

Co-operation is necessary in nearly everything. You can't even make love without it.

It is to be hoped that the new Mrs. Hohenzollern will treat her spouse as he deserves.

What has become of the McCormick family, and their marriage and divorce troubles?

Many a man has called a girl a dream, only to find after marriage that she is a stern reality.

About the worst insult we can imagine is give a negro a safety razor for a Christmas present.

Most of us would not worry so much about the weather if it were not for thermometers, for then we would not know how cold it is or how hot.

We met a remarkable man the other day. He could name every number of President Harding's cabinet.

Another thing the average man needs is an ash tray that will be where he wants it when he needs it.

There is no need to worry about anything else now. Congress is busy passing the appropriation bills.

A woman candidate is charged with buying votes. But whoever heard of votes being offered for 98 cents?

When a small boy goes to school with clean finger nails it is a sign that he has the right kind of mother.

There would be fewer traffic accidents these days if automobiles had as much sense as horses used to have.

A New York photographer is to pick the country's 22 fairest women. He doesn't care about being popular.

If all the reformers would go to work there would be a still further reduction in the wages of unskilled labor.

GIRL DRINKS LYE WATER; NEAR DEATH

PIRTLEVILLE, Dec. 21.—Rosalie Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scoville Benson, of Pirtleville, is in a serious condition from drinking a preparation of lye and water. The child is past 3 years old.

Mrs. Benson had prepared the mixture in a pitcher as she intended to carry it from room to room and add it to the scrubbing water. Little Rosalie did not heed the mother's warning not to drink from the pitcher and swallowed some of the water.

Her face and throat were badly burned. The attending physician believes the child will recover, but her condition is grave.

SHOT MAN TO DEATH DURING CARD GAME

YUMA, Ariz. Dec. 20.—Amos Sapp, deputy sheriff up at Swasea, brought down Presiliano Mesa, the Mexican who shot Jesus Pasos in a gambling quarrel on December 12, Wednesday night and the man was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Stanley in the justice court. According to an eye witness, the two men were playing cards and quarreled, and Mesa pulled a gun and shot Pasos to death. Mesa fled to the hills, but was caught by a posse and brought to Yuma. He was held over without bail to the superior court. The witness is being held until the trial. Mesa has signified his intention to plead guilty and will no doubt be given a speedy trial and sentence.

LANE IS APPOINTED ASSISTANT ENGINEER

W. W. Lane, county engineer of Pinal county, has been appointed assistant state engineer by Frank Goodman, named by Governor Hunt as state engineer after January 1. Mr. Lane is now in Phoenix and has spent some time during the past two days in familiarizing himself with the work of the state engineering department. It is rumored about the Capitol that Charles Addams of Phoenix has been appointed chief clerk in the highway department. Mr. Goodman has not announced the remainder of the appointees in his department.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 31

REVIEW

GOLDEN TEXT—The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.—Luke 4:18.

DEVOTIONAL READING—Psalm 98. PRIMARY TOPIC—Favored Stories of the Quarter.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus Went About Doing Good. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How Jesus Ministered to the People.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Some Characteristics of Jesus' Ministry.

Since all the lessons of the quarter save one are from Luke, and the central and unifying theme is Jesus Christ, a profitable way to conduct the review, as suggested in Peloubet's Notes, would be to assign the following topics to the members of the class to make a brief report upon:

1. Christ's Mission to the World.

2. Christ's Helpers and How He Used Them.

3. Christ's Divine Power and How He Exercised It.

4. Christ's Methods of Teaching.

5. Christ's Love in Its Many Manifestations.

6. Christ's Courage and How He Showed It.

7. Christ's Foes and His Dealings With Them.

8. Christ's Pity for Sinners.

9. Christ's Passing Through Human Experience.

10. Christ as a Missionary and an Organizer.

11. Christ's Relation to the Father.

12. Christ's Preparation for the Climax of His Life.

Another way would be to summarize each lesson, stating the outstanding topic and teaching of each lesson. The following suggestions are offered:

Lesson 1. The birth of John the Baptist, which from the human standpoint was impossible, was announced to his father, Zacharias. For his unbelief he was smitten with dumbness. God expects of his servant unquestioned belief in what He promises.

Lesson 2. Jesus was born in Bethlehem just as the prophet had foretold some 700 years before, and at the age of twelve years he consciously entered into the services of God's house. Though conscious of His divine being and mission, He lived a life of filial obedience.

Lesson 3. John the Baptist's ministry was a preparation for the coming of Christ. He fearlessly preached repentance and pronounced judgment upon the impotent. Though a mighty preacher, he humbly declared that Christ was immeasurably greater than himself.

Lesson 4. Jesus Christ after His baptism was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. The purpose was to test the reality of the incarnation. The result was complete victory—a demonstration of His ability to save to the uttermost all who trust Him.

Lesson 5. Isaiah foretold the golden age upon the earth when Christ will reign.

Lesson 6. While Jesus was here He healed all kinds of diseases and cast out devils. He authenticated His mission and proved His power to forgive sins by miraculous deeds.

Lesson 7. Jesus taught the disciples the principles which should govern in His kingdom. Only those who have been born from above can love their enemies.

Lesson 8. While in Simon's house at dinner, a woman who had been a notorious sinner anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. The sinner's gratitude to Jesus for forgiveness is measured by the apprehension of sins forgiven.

Lesson 9. Jesus went forth throughout every city preaching the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God. The fact of salvation for sins through a crucified Redeemer is truly glad tidings.

Lesson 10. Jesus sent forth missionaries with the realization of the big task before them, and with power to perform supernatural deeds to authenticate their mission. Those who realize the greatness of their task will earnestly pray that the Lord will send forth laborers into His harvest.

Lesson 11. Jesus' reply to the question of a certain lawyer, "Who is my neighbor?" shows that the all-important consideration is not "Who is my neighbor?" but "How can I show that I am a neighbor?"

Lesson 12. A certain rich man in his perplexity over his prosperity decided to provide larger stores and settle down to a life of sensuous indulgence. The one who lays up treasures on earth and is not rich toward God is a fool.

Consolation, Love, Faith, Hope, Life. May Consolation smile on every pain, and Love put her balm on every wound that life bears! May Faith strengthen you all in your unavoidable trials and Hope whisper through all sorrows that this terrestrial life of ours is a mere shadow of the Life that never dies.—Mazzini.

Charity Among Yourselves. But before all things have a constant mutual charity among yourselves, for charity covereth a multitude of sins.—1 Peter 4:8.